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Dear Interested Party,

Following recommendations by the Washington State Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee (P&T), the agency directors of the Department of Social and Health Services - Medical Assistance Administration (DSHS-MAA) and the Health Care Authority - Uniform Medical Plan (UMP) have named Metoprolol XL and generic beta blockers as their preferred drugs in the drug class of Beta Blockers. Estradiol has been selected as the preferred drug in the Estrogen Drug Class. This change will be effective May 1, 2004.

L&I (Department of Labor & Industries) was not involved in this decision as they do not cover these classes of drugs.

If you have other questions or comments regarding this announcement, please contact Erika Barker at (206) 521-2027 or by email at pdp@hca.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

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